



# SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE POLICY AND PROGRAMS  
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## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**MISSION:** *The mission of the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council is to provide leadership in planning, funding, and implementing initiatives that lead to improved quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change.*

### SOUTH CAROLINA PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2022:

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTS, EMPLOYMENT, SELF-ADVOCACY

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS** People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have increased access to be fully included in the community of their choice.

**Objective 1:** Support at least two programs that provide people with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities to improve community integration, inclusion, and self-determination.

- Able South Carolina - Building Advocacy in Transition Systems (BATS)
- Arc of the Midlands - STRIVE
- Center for Disability Resources – Assistive Technology Expo
- Center for Disability Resources – Learning How to Fill the Gaps
- Family Connection – Hopes and Dreams
- Project HOPE Foundation - Person-Centered Discovery
- SOS Health Care, Inc. – Life Skills Club of Conway
- York Adult Enrichment Centers - York CAN inclusion Project

**Objective 2:** Support at least one program that addresses an emerging health issue for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, and service providers using evidence-based practices and interventions.

- Brain Injury Association – Life with Brain Injury
- Community Options – Removing Barriers to Dental Health
- SOS Health Care, Inc. – Walking Club

**Objective 3:** Support the development of relationships that improve Latino/Hispanic families with children with intellectual and developmental disabilities having access to needed services and supports.

**Objective 4:** Support education of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in housing resources.

**Objective 5:** Support increased flexibility of transportation options so people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can participate in community events.

## 2022 Community Supports Program Results

- ❖ 1620 Impacted Through Advocacy Training
- ❖ 3 Board Positions
- ❖ 11 Evidence-Based Practices
- ❖ 0 Policy Changes

**EMPLOYMENT** People with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to competitive, community-based career opportunities throughout their lifetime.

**Objective 1:** Support programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that improve access to integrated workforce development systems.

- Able South Carolina – Advancing Capacity and Collaboration for Employment Support Services (ACCESS)
- Center for Disability Resources – Model for Employment Training Advancement (META)
- SOS Health Care, Inc. - Transition Resource Conference and Expo

**Objective 2:** Support programs that empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to develop and direct their own career strategy using appropriate evidence-based and best practice methods.

- SOS Health Care, Inc. – Making Change II

## 2022 Employment Program Results

- ❖ 3152 Impacted Through Advocacy Training
- ❖ 0 Board Positions
- ❖ 7 Evidence-Based Practices
- ❖ 1 Policy Change

**SELF-ADVOCACY** People with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families are empowered to affect statewide leadership training opportunities that contribute to active participation in cross disability leadership coalitions and systems change efforts.

**Objective 1:** Support at least one statewide self-advocacy organization led by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to provide opportunities for increasing leadership abilities and to meet self-defined organizational goals.

- Able South Carolina - EQUIP – Self-Advocacy & Leadership in Young Adults
- Centers for Disability Resources – IMPACT SC

**Objective 2:** Support opportunities that strengthen leadership abilities in peer-to-peer networks of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

- **Able South Carolina – Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)**
- **Arc of the Midlands – Let’s Talk**

**Objective 3:** Support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their family members to engage cross-disability, culturally diverse leadership boards, committees, commissions, councils, and similar coalitions.

- **Able South Carolina – Community Leadership Academy (CLA)**

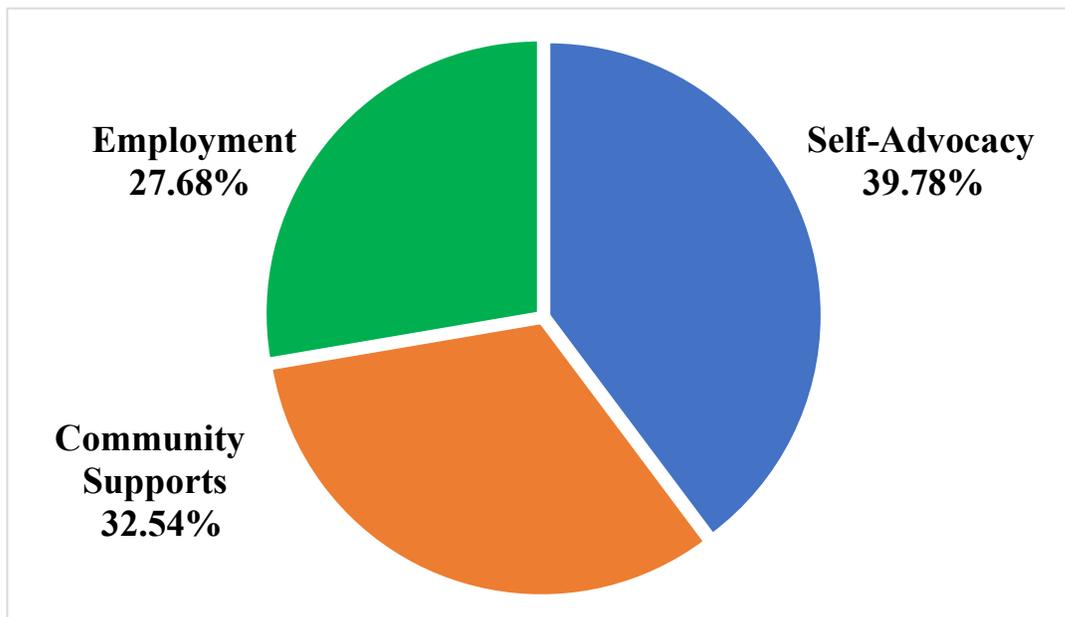
**Objective 4:** The Developmental Disabilities Council will collaborate with South Carolina’s Center for Disability Resources (UCEDD) and Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities in South Carolina (P&A System) on at least one program that engages system beneficiaries to assess system barriers and influence positive changes in service delivery, policies, interventions, and strategies.

- **Sub-Minimum Wage Bill Passage**

#### 2022 Self-Advocacy Program Results

- ❖ **859 Impacted Through Advocacy Training**
- ❖ **29 Board Positions**
- ❖ **7 Evidence-Based Practices**
- ❖ **1 Policy Change**

#### 2022 Developmental Disabilities Council Allocation of Resources



**SC DD Council Executive Director,  
Valarie Bishop**



The disability community continues to move towards inclusion and strengthening advocacy and increasing positive collaborations and partnerships.

This year, it has been amazing to see self-advocates and their families thrive while still in the midst of the pandemic. As we continued following safety protocols and making decisions about returning to in-person, I would like to thank our grantees for ensuring needs were met and programs continued. Thank you for making necessary adjustments in how to best provide those services. Those efforts have kept the core focus on advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change. These partnerships were critical in the passing of the sub-minimum wage bill.

A special, “Thank You!” to the DD Council Members, to the staff, to our grantees, agencies, organizations, stakeholders, and EVERYONE committed to moving boundaries and removing barriers.



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